

Scraps and Facts.

—With the purpose of forcing the war with Japan to a speedy termination, the emperor of Russia has taken steps to reorganize and reinforce the fighting force in the far east. A second army is to be created, under command of Gen. Grippenberg, a veteran of many wars, and it is expected that within a comparatively short time there will be armies aggregating 600,000 to 700,000 men ready to take the aggressive against the Japanese. It is believed that Grand Duke Nicholas Michaelovitch will be made commander in chief of the Russian armies in the far east, with a soldier of more varied experience as his chief of staff. At Mukden it is believed that the Japanese will not make a frontal attack upon that city, but will seek to engage the Russians north or northeast of there, a purpose dictated by strategic reasons as well as by a desire not to offend the Chinese by making the sacred tombs of the emperors the scene of bloodshed. Severe fighting at Port Arthur is reported to have taken place Sept. 19-21, and several important strongholds are said to have been captured by the Japanese. Heavy firing was heard also on Sept. 24, but details of the fighting at that time are lacking.

—There was a terrible collision on the Knoxville division of the Southern railroad, a short distance from Hodges, Tenn., last Saturday. Two trains, one bound east and the other west and each running at the rate of 35 miles an hour, came together with a frightful crash. Fifty-eight people were killed outright and one hundred and sixty-two were injured some of them fatally. Both engines and the major portion of both trains were demolished. The engines were almost welded into one by the impact of their coming together. The eastbound train was a heavy one, including two Pullmans, two day coaches, a mail and a baggage car. It suffered most, only the engine crew being killed on the other train, which was a light local. The responsibility for the accident is unknown. It is claimed that both trains had orders to pass at Newmarket, and that the engineer of the west bound train must have either gone to sleep or died suddenly at his throttle before that place was reached. The signals were set, it is said, and as it was broad daylight there was no excuse for not seeing them. John W. Brown of Rogersville, Tenn., a newspaper editor, was in the rear coach of the west bound train. When the fearful jolt came, he said, all the seats in the car were torn loose and people and seats were hurled to the front end of the car. When he recovered from the shock he heard the screams and groans of the injured and dying in every direction. "I left the car," said Mr. Brown, "as soon as I could, and walked to the main part of the wreck. It was the most horrible sight I ever witnessed. I saw a woman pinioned by a piece of split timber, which had gone completely through her body. A little child, quivering in death's agony, lay beneath the woman. I saw the child die, and within a few feet of her lay a woman's head, while the decapitated body was several feet away. Another little girl, whose body was fearfully mangled, was calling for her mother. I have since learned that she was Lucille Conner, of Knoxville, and that both her parents were killed. I heard one woman, terribly mangled, praying earnestly to be spared for her children, but death relieved her sufferings in a few minutes. Both engines and all of the coaches of No. 15 were literally demolished, the smoker and baggage car completely so. The sleepers remained on the track undamaged. Both engines lay to the north of the track, jammed together into one mass of indescribable ruins. The cars which were demolished were piled on the wrecked engines."

—Judge Parker's letter of acceptance was made public in the daily papers of last Monday. It is quite a lengthy document and deals with the various questions that have been brought before the people in the platforms of the Democratic and Republican parties. With regard to imperialism, Judge Parker says the people of this country are at the parting of the ways. Republican success means the virtual abandonment of the constitution and Democratic success means the continued preservation of the constitution in all its purity. The tariff is described as the father of the trusts. The trusts have grown up as the result of a protective system that has long since served its day of usefulness, and a revision of the tariff is an absolute necessity. The judge is of opinion that the courts have full power with which to deal with the trusts. He favors reciprocity as a means to secure many advantages to American commerce. He considers the present attitude of the United States to the Philippines as tyrannous and favors the idea of giving the Filipinos self-government as fast as they are fitted for it. He stands for civil service reform, and is very conservative on the subject of reclaiming arid lands. He deplores the manner in which the administration acquired the right of way across Panama, and thinks that the same end could have been accomplished in a more just and equitable manner. He cites comparative figures to show that American shipping was developed enormously under Democratic administration and that it declined under Republican administration. He claims that the Democrats may reasonably be expected to do more for the development of the country's shipping interests than the Republicans would do. A Democratic congress and executive, he says, would clean out the corruption that exists in the postoffice department, and would change things considerably in the army and navy. The pension question is discussed at some length, especial attention being given to President Roosevelt's order declaring that veterans who have reached the age of sixty-two and seventy-two shall receive partial and total disability pensions. Roosevelt challenged Parker to say whether he would revoke that order. The judge accepts the challenge and declares that if he becomes president the order will be revoked. However, he goes on further

and says that he will favor an effort to accomplish the same thing by congressional enactment in order that the veterans may receive as a right what they have been granted as an unauthorized and unwarranted presidential favor. After discussing at length the extravagance of the last two Republican administrations, Judge Parker epitomizes the issues as follows: Shall economy of administration be demanded or shall extravagance be encouraged? Shall the wrongdoer be brought to bay by the people or must justice wait upon political oligarchy? Shall our government stand for equal opportunity or for special privilege? Shall it remain a government of law, or become one of individual caprice? Shall we cling to the rule of the people, or shall we embrace beneficent despotism?

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WHILE there has been but little stir in national politics up to this time, it must be remembered that surprises are always in order, and there may be a surprise for somebody in November.

If the voters fall to turn out and cast their ballots on election day, they are in danger of having their congressional turned out in favor of some Republican contestant, and that contestant is as apt as not to be a negro.

THERE is only one more day before the general election when people who have not yet secured registration certificates may do so, and that is on Monday, salesday for October. The registration books will not be open on Monday, salesday for November.

CONGRESSMAN Joe Johnson said to a Spartanburg reporter the other day: "Please put in your paper that I said there is just as much difference between the Democrats and Republicans as there is between a thoroughbred horse and a jackass." It seems to us that Joe Johnson, who has a head full of hard sense and can talk Democratic doctrine straight, would be a better man to put on the stump in a doubtful state than a South Carolina senator who sees no difference between the principles of Hamilton and Jefferson, Roosevelt and Parker—Columbia State.

What Congressman Johnson says is true; but then it would be unfair to claim that it is any truer than what Senator Latimer said. Senator Latimer referred to the difference between "platforms." In making his comparison it will be observed that Congressman Johnson used the word "parties." The two gentlemen are talking about two entirely different things.

THE new and enlarged edition of Webster's International dictionary is now being offered to the public. It contains 2,380 pages, 5,000 illustrations and 25,000 additional words. Since the first edition of Webster there have been dictionaries and dictionaries and even within the past dozen years millions have been spent on new publications intended to compete with this long established authority, but today Webster's International holds its prestige and continues a controlling authority even over those who are most active in their efforts to establish its competitors, and the most serious hindrance to the unrestricted sale of the perfect book of the present are the cheap reprints of antiquated editions that are foisted on unsuspecting purchasers who have no adequate appreciation of the superiority of the revised work now being offered.

WHILE the interview with Mr. Henry Conner in another column, may leave a great deal to be inferred, still there is in it no little food for thought for the people of this section. The situation in the west, as is to be gathered from the interview, is about to this effect. Here are natural possibilities that only need development. Development calls for brains and labor. Men with capital and foresight have used means necessary to bring labor into the country, and with the help of that labor they have been able to create tremendous values—values more than sufficient to compensate them for their efforts. We have in this section as many natural advantages as are to be found in this particular section of the west. Development here has proceeded rather far than there. Here, as there, the principal need is efficient labor, properly applied. We have the intelligence down this way all right, and what we most need now is an abundance of well-directed labor. Our farm lands and other interests are capable of fully as much development as are the various interests of Idaho and Oregon for instance, and by using the same means we can do fully as much or more here than has been done there.

ONE or two papers in the state endorse Senator Latimer's statement that there is no difference between the platforms of the Republican and Democratic parties. If that is so, what is the use in making any change at all? Logically these contemporaries ought to "stand pat" and support Roosevelt. Why do they advocate Parker's election if they believe the two men will follow the same policy? We don't understand their way of reasoning, and would be glad to see some explanation of it—Columbia Record.

THE ENQUIRER is probably one of the papers referred to as agreeing with Mr. Latimer in his contention that there is very little difference in the declared principles of the two parties; but THE ENQUIRER is to be understood as favoring the election of Mr. Roosevelt over Judge Parker. While we took no stock in the issue of imperialism as applied to McKinley, we do consider Mr. Roosevelt as an imperialist of the most pronounced type. He has more than once

shown that he regards the constitution of the United States as a back number, and the whole tendency of his administration has been in the direction of imitating the policies of foreign monarchs, Emperor William and his government being an especially favorite pattern. The Panama incident was a very good illustration of the president's idea of procedure, and if Mr. Roosevelt is re-elected we are apprehensive of the troubles into which he may drag the country. The action of the Democratic party in getting together on more conservative lines than had been pursued for some years and in nominating Judge Parker is to be taken more as a protest against Roosevelt than anything else, and if the Democrats win it will be because of the country's superior faith in the conservative, law abiding, constitution reverencing character of Judge Parker. As we see it, the issue at this time is more a matter of men and what they will probably do, than it has ever before been in the history of the country.

It is being figured out that the design of Gen. Corbin's recent recommendation to the effect that army officers shall not be allowed to marry without permission from the secretary of war, and that the decision of that official will be based on the financial condition of the candidate for matrimony especially with reference to his ability to support a family, is somewhat sinister. Under conditions as they have grown up, West Point is a very Democratic institution at least in so far as the matter of admission is concerned. As a rule, especially in the south, entrance is secured on the basis of competitive examinations, the prize being generally awarded to the most efficient contestant. As a matter of fact, congressmen everywhere have the right to appoint the representatives from their respective districts arbitrarily. When they hold competitive examinations, it is for the purpose of securing the best available material without leaving grounds for charges of partiality. But all this is neither here nor there. If it is to be assumed that the pay of an army officer is not sufficient for the support of a family, then the privilege of having a family can be accorded only to those who have independent means. The suggestion that young men who desire to marry shall not do so is not to be considered for obvious reasons. It will follow then that the army will eventually be officered only by people who belong to the class known as the moneyed aristocracy, and others who become exceptions through the favor of the secretary of war. That this is wrong is obvious on its face; but the whole thing is in keeping with a very common idea that the enormously wealthy people will eventually need the protection of military force, and this seems to be a very good way to get the army of officers with the element that fears it will eventually stand in need of them. But the next question is whether or not congress will accept Corbin's recommendations. If the pay of the army officers is really too small, it would be better, maybe, to let the young fellows have more money.

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Mr. D. W. Robinson of Columbia, who was injured in the wreck at New Market, Tenn., will be remembered as the attorney associated with Mr. Geo. W. S. Hart across the case of Moore vs. the Catawba Power company.

Mr. Isaac Norris, of Princeton, Ill., who arrived last week to look over the Sherrill property, recently purchased by him, is here with his family since his arrival. He and his family are at the residence of Mr. Brooks Inman.

Dr. R. T. Lowry, formerly of Yorkville, now of Knoxville, Tenn., was among those who ministered to the injured and dying wreck victims at New Market, Tenn. He was not on one of the wrecked trains, but went to the scene with a relief party from Knoxville.

Dr. R. T. Shumate has returned to Yorkville after an absence of three weeks in Georgia, where he was summoned on account of illness. During his absence he received notice of his promotion to the management of the South Carolina territory of his company, the Penn Mutual.

CO-OPERATIVE UNION.

Cotton growers of Catawba township have taken the initiative toward joining the movement looking to the organization of associations for protection against combinations of the mill men, oil men, buyers, etc.

The meeting was held pursuant to a published call, and was attended by a comparatively small, but representative body of farmers and business men. It was called to order by Mr. W. H. Stewart, and Mr. F. H. Barber explained its object, which is fully set forth in the following, which was subsequently adopted.

Whereas, Other trades, classes, professions, manufacturers, etc., are organized for the better protection of their interests. And, whereas, the manufacturers of cotton and cotton products are united in this section of our country and by mutual agreement fix the price for the buyers, day by day and during the season, and the producers, claim the same right to organize and agree upon a minimum price, at which we will sell our cotton and cotton seed during certain seasons of the year.

Therefore, be it resolved: That the farmers of Catawba and surrounding townships do forthwith proceed to organize an association of cotton growers, to be known as the Co-operative Union of Rock Hill, S. C. Resolved second, That the prime object of this Co-operative union will be to protect ourselves against all combinations which we believe to be inimical to our interest and to sell our products for a fair and legitimate price in a business-like manner.

Resolved third, That the officers of this Union shall be a president, three vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and an executive committee.

Resolved fourth, That we request every city and county papers to publish in every issue the title of this section and that is their law abiding character. The bad elements are the cattle thieves and bootleggers. Bootleggers are people engaged in selling whisky to the Indians in violation of the Federal laws. Both these classes give lots of trouble. But aside from this the people are quiet and well behaved. I have seen more in the recent past than in the past several years. The people who would appear in the State papers during months, and I remember seeing once where Chief Love made 12 or 14 arrests in a day, a record which would seldom be equaled by the entire police force of Spokane, a city of more than 40,000 inhabitants.

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